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Conservation Policy of State Congress

Omaha Congress Held Last Week Adopts Recommendations for State Defense Council

At the state conservation congress held in Omaha last week a conservation commission was created. The policy of this commission, which will work with the state council of defense, is outlined in the statement of policy adopted by the congress at the Thursday afternoon meeting.

Subjects of special interest to western Nebraska, covered in the statement, are Potatoes, Beans, Live Stock, Dairying, Wool Supply, Transportation, Public Highways, and Potash.

The conservation commission has the endorsement of the state council of defense and is working in close alliance with it. The unanimity of opinion at Omaha, shown by men from all the varied industries of the state, leads to the belief that the suggestions made will find ready acceptance by the people of the state and will mold their attitude towards the work in hand.

Declaration of Principles and Policies

The Nebraska conservation congress, representing every interest of the state, and recognizing our responsibility in the present crisis, enunciates the following declaration of principles and policies, confident that every citizen will perform his or her part for the preservation of the national welfare.

We are engaged in a great war for the preservation of liberty throughout the world. This war is not of our seeking. The innate right of humanity to self-government is at stake.

To Almighty God and to the president of our nation, we renew our pledge of unselfish devotion and to these principles.

The Farmer's responsibility We recognize that the problem of food production and conservation is all important and, in the solution of this problem the farmer is the most important factor. Farmers recognize this and are responding loyally.

Fixing Prices We believe that satisfactory results can be obtained without the drastic method of arbitrarily fixing prices.

Price fixing power might be lodged by congress in the hands of the president to be used in his discretion if regulative measures fail.

Should the government find it necessary to fix prices of farm products it should also fix the prices of the products of mines, forests and factories.

Waste in Distribution Waste in distribution is apparent. Every unnecessary agency in the handling of food products should be eliminated. We urge that steps be taken to establish a less expensive and more expeditious method of exchanging the products of labor.

The Liberty Loan We urge every citizen of Nebraska to purchase liberty bonds to the extent of his or her ability.

War Taxation War taxation should be adjusted so as to work a minimum interference with production and distribution of necessary articles. A super-tax should be laid upon excess profits and income.

Marketing and Prevention of Speculation We believe that in the marketing of food products the producer is entitled to access to the market in as free and direct a manner as is possible. We believe it is the province of government not only to secure such markets, but to take all necessary steps to guarantee them free from manipulation and monopolistic speculation, to the end that the full price, less only necessary handling expense reach the producer.

We believe in the retention, so far as practicable, of existing markets, methods and machinery, to the end that experienced service may be exerted in the problems of prompt and efficient handling, and that delay and confusion which might result in the disorganization of existing machinery be avoided.

Complete surveys of every phase of the food question should be constantly maintained.

Wide publicity of all facts and statistics that they may be available to

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Worst Flood Since 1909 is Predicted

Pathfinder Dam is Hidden by Torrent—Two Weeks Will See Platte in Flood Condition

Water in the North Platte river is rising rapidly, says a Scottsbluff dispatch in the state press this week, and a warning has been given that one of the highest marks made in recent years may be reached by the coming flood. Water is reported flowing over the big Pathfinder dam in Wyoming.

The worst flood since 1909 is predicted for the Platte river within the next two weeks. The water service agent at the Pathfinder dam Sunday sent a message to State Engineer Johnson at Lincoln saying water is now running over the dam and that there is more water behind the dam than since 1909. This flood of water was scheduled to reach the western Nebraska state line either yesterday or today.

The explanation is that there was more snow than usual in the Wyoming mountains last winter and that it has been suddenly melted by heavy rains in Wyoming during the past two weeks. The rain and snow water combined has made the flood.

State Engineer Johnson thought it a good plan to give the people along the Platte warning concerning the vast amount of water that may be expected to rush down the Platte valley during the next two or three weeks, so that those having bridges in charge may watch them and be prepared for the high water, and so those affected by Platte river floods may do what is possible to minimize the damage.

DR NUSBAUM NOW IN CHAUTAUQUA WORK

Dr. Cyrus S. Nusbaum, who a short time ago conducted a series of evangelic services at the First M. E. church in Alliance, is this summer engaged in Chautauqua work, lecturing for the Standard people. While lecturing for the same system that will put on the Chautauqua in Alliance and the same system for which H. J. Young of this city is lecturing, he appears on a different circuit altogether. He appears at Hay Springs on the opening day of the Chautauqua there, June 19. Present agent dope sent out by the Standard people says the following regarding Dr. Nusbaum:

"Dr. Cyrus S. Nusbaum is noted throughout the middle west as an author and lecturer. He is a great man with a big mind and a big heart. The moment he steps on the platform his audience is impressed with his personal magnetism.

"Dr. Nusbaum is always cheerful, but intensely in earnest and delivers his messages with a zeal and enthusiasm that strike home. His lessons are taken from everyday life and the truths and applications are so simple that any child can follow and understand. He has an enviable ability to inspire his hearers to live the life glorious that he tells about in his lecture 'The Glory of Life.' His humor is genuine, his character portrayals so exceedingly real, and there is so much of real life in his lectures he never fails to hold his audience in appreciation and enthusiastic attention to the very last.

"Many lecturers are entertainers, some by means of humor and some in an instructive way. Dr. Nusbaum is gifted with the power to entertain and yet leave as the foremost thought a desire to live a richer, fuller life. Dr. Nusbaum's lecture, 'The Glory of Life,' will be a large contribution toward the pleasure and profit to be received from the Chautauqua. He will lecture the evening of the first day."

Charles D. Roy has moved to Alliance from Cheyenne, Wyo., to take the position of manager for this district of the Singer Sewing Machine Company. Mr. Roy expects to open up a local branch for the company soon.

There has been so much talk of the "moral effect" of this or that utterance, or of sending a handful of untrained American soldiers to Europe immediately, that many of our arm-chair strategists seem to have forgotten that physical weight counts mainly in war. Experienced Oliver Cromwell had this in view when he told his praying soldiers to keep their powder dry.



The following is a fac-simile of the registration card that will have to be filled out by those who register, Tuesday, June 5, in accordance with the proclamation of President Wilson:

REGISTRATION CARD Form 1. Fields include: Name in full (Given name, Family name), Home Address (No., Street, City, State), Date of birth (Month, Day, Year), Citizenship status, Where born (Town, State, Nation), Employment, Family support, Military service, and Exemptions.

That Sensational Chadron Case

Preliminary Hearing in Case Alleging Attempted Blackmail up for Trial Today

NUMBER OF DISTINCT ANGLES Omaha Officials in Trouble at Home—Charged with "Conduct Unbecoming An Officer"

What has the appearance of being one of the dirtiest messes ever brought to the light of day has been brought forth in all its slime and rottenness at Chadron. Virtually nothing else is being talked in Chadron and Dawes county these days besides the sensational case in which Chief of Detectives Steve Maloney of Omaha, with five other Omahans and Allen G. Fisher, Charles I. Day and Louis K. Mote of Chadron are charged in state complaints at Chadron with attempted blackmail and conspiracy to blackmail three prominent residents of Chadron. The talk is not confined to Chadron and Dawes county, either. All of western Nebraska as well as the whole state seems highly interested in the affair.

The eight men named in the complaint—Chief of Detectives Steve Maloney of Omaha; Harvey Wilfe, president of the Omaha Detective association; C. W. Pipkin, former Omaha police detective and secretary of the Omaha Detective association; Gus A. Tylee, Omaha detective; Phil Winkler, private detective of Omaha; W. S. Dolan, private detective of Chicago; Allen G. Fisher, Chadron attorney and ex-mayor of Chadron; Charles I. Day, proprietor of the Blaine hotel at Chadron; and Louis K. Mote, ex-chief of police at Chadron—have all accepted service and provided bond for their appearance at the preliminary hearing. The preliminary hearing is scheduled to be held at Chadron today, Thursday, May 31.

The outstanding figures in the case are E. L. Crites of Chadron, county attorney of Dawes county; Allen G. Fisher, Chadron attorney; Ellen Lowery of Omaha, a woman detective; Paul Sutton, Omaha detective in Maloney's department, and R. Hood, wealthy miller of Chadron, and Mrs. Robert Hood.

Crites and Mr. and Mrs. Hood were to be the victims of the alleged attempt to blackmail. The Omaha detective association with Fisher and the two other Chadron men are alleged to have been the moving force

in the case, and whose efforts were frustrated by Stoon and Mrs. Lowery. As the story is given out by the prosecution, the attempt originated in an effort to get Crites to drop action against Charles I. Day, proprietor of the Blaine hotel in Chadron, charging illegal possession of liquor and conducting a disorderly house, and against Louis K. Mote, former chief of police at Chadron deprived of office by Crites on charges of malfeasance, but against whom current charges are said to concern gambling.

The operatives of the Omaha Detective association, are said to have been working in Chadron for more than a month and to have finally attempted to attain their end by an effort to compromise Crites with a woman, Mrs. Robert Hood, wife of Robert Hood, elderly wealthy miller of Chadron. In addition to threatening him with exposure after the "frame up" they were going to force him to pay \$500, the woman \$500, and the latter's husband \$1,000, it is alleged.

Set New Age Limit for Army Recruits

No One Taken into Regular Army Who Is 18—Chance for New Men to Be Officers

Orders have been received by Sergeant Chas. H. Booth, in charge of the recruiting station in Alliance for the regular army, that no one will be taken in the army who is under eighteen years of age. Formerly the recruiting officers were allowed to take a young man into the service, with his parents' consent, if he was sixteen years of age. The age limit has recently been changed by the war department.

All men who enlist in the army at the present time will have a chance to become officers, according to the word received by the recruiting officers in Alliance. Examinations for officers will be held and the men who enlist in the army at the present time will be eligible to take these examinations, according to word received from headquarters. Formerly all of the men who enlisted in the army who wished to compete in the examinations had to serve one year in the army, but this ruling has been changed. This ruling makes it possible for men who were not selected to attend the camp at Ft. Snelling to become officers in the regular army. It affords young men who have a high school education or better, and who can qualify as to the physical test, an opportunity to become officers in a reasonably short time. It is believed that this ruling will have the effect of causing many young men to enlist who might otherwise be backward.

MANY ENROLLED IN SCHOOL GARDEN CLUB

Two Meetings to Be Held at High School Saturday Morning for Members of the Clubs

Prof. T. R. Crawford, superintendent of the public school garden club work in Alliance this summer, states that at the present time there are a total of 136 enrolled in the work in Alliance for the summer. Of this number 32 are high school students and 104 are grade school students. Work will start off in earnest next week. Two meetings will be held at the high school building on Saturday of this week, at which all club members are requested to be present.

Grade school members of the public school garden club will meet at the high school building Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. High school students engaged in the work will meet at 11 o'clock. Prof. McShane, a representative of the United States Department of Agriculture and in charge of the work in Nebraska, will be in Alliance Saturday and will be present at the two meetings to be held at the high school on the morning of that day.

While the work is being conducted under the direction of the public school system of Alliance, the county agent will interest himself in the work and lend advice and assistance whenever necessary. While school credits are allowed for the garden club work, the members are being urged to do the work more as a patriotic duty than as a means to gain further school credit. Each club member is required, under the rules of the club work, to have not less than 300 square feet of garden. Potatoes and beans will be the principal crop this year, as these crops are especially adapted to this section of the country, and more is being done to stimulate interest in these crops than in some of the others.

Members of the club or others who may be interested in the work may telephone No. 851 between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock any week-day morning for information or advice in connection with the work. The public school garden club work is an Alliance public school affair and the expenses are being paid by the board of education.

High school students doing the garden work and carrying a class also will be given one full high school credit if they complete the work this summer. No credits are allowed in the grade school division, because of the fact that credits are not given in grade school work. However, all grade students who complete the

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Lakeside Loser by a Few Drinks

Guernsey Booze, Purchased by Lakeside Man, Spilled in Scottsbluff Sewer—Trio Arrested

If by chance anyone who has been contemplating going to Guernsey, Wyo., Edgemont, S. D., or any of the other closeby wet spots, they will hesitate before going if their main object is to bring back a few nips or more of contraband booze. This is especially true if you expect to bring the booze into Nebraska on a Burlington train. After the first of July it will be a federal offense to bring booze into Nebraska. Now it is a state offense, and the goblin'll get you if you don't watch out.

F. A. Burke of Alliance, special agent for the Burlington, has been doing some efficient work in the way of "getting" those who brought booze into the state. As a result of Special Officer Burke's efforts, Lakeside is the loser of anyway a "few" drinks, and maybe a few drunks.

A trio of passengers were nabbed after they got across the Nebraska line into Scottsbluff. Frank Smith, who gave Bayard as his residence, was loaded to the guards with booze, but it was all on his interior and sort of hard to confiscate. Judge Delamatter of Scottsbluff soaked Smith with a little fine of ten bones and costs for betting drunk.

Tom Matthews of Lakeside was hauled in at the same time. He is reported to have had a choice collection of wet goods, at least they would be choice to some people, perhaps. He pulled down a fine of \$200 and costs. Wow! Some expensive booze, and then the authorities dumped the liquor into the sewer.

Mable Sloanaker, headed for Bayard, with three gallons of whiskey and two quarts of booze, drew a \$200 fine with costs after she had consulted a lawyer at a cost of \$17. The lawyer advised her to plead guilty.

All trains from wet territory are being watched. Mr. Burke has been at Guernsey spotting those who have suit cases that look heavier when they come out of the saloons than when they go in. He spotted this trio and telegraphed ahead to have the officer at Scottsbluff at the depot.

STATE LABOR BUREAU

Farmers who are in need of labor may now apply to the State Labor Bureau, State House, Lincoln, for help. This bureau, which is conducted under the direction of the Agricultural Extension service of the state university, is endeavoring to put the unemployed in touch with employment. All labor agencies of the state are either consolidated with or co-operating with this bureau.

This bureau is also promoting the organization of local labor bureaus thru which local demands for labor may be supplied, in some measure at least, at home.

Every home can have a neat poultry house (8x8 ft.) and 12 hens, at very little cost. Such a house can be made from two piano boxes, which cost \$2 each. It may be covered with paper to afford protection against rain. Table scraps and a little grain will supply the choicest of feed. Such small flocks are invariably more profitable (per bird) than large flocks where there is less individual care and attention.

The two carloads of bean seed, purchased by the Extension Service of the College of Agriculture and related to citizens of the state at cost, have been sold, and no further orders can be booked. Orders are continuing to pour into the Extension office, but no additional seed will be available and remittances are being returned.

The Standard Bearers will meet with Mrs. J. H. Standard, 928 Box Butte avenue, on Saturday, June 2, at 7:30 p. m. All girls between the ages of 14 and 21 are cordially invited to attend.

Walter Kent of Hay Springs who is at St. Josephs hospital in this city, is reported to be considerable better. He has been seriously ill with erysipelas.

work this summer will be allowed extra credit on their arithmetic and grammar grades. No classes conducted for grade students in the club, their work being confined strictly to the garden work itself.